
COMPLETE LIST OF YEAR 2010 TARGETS PROPOSED BY THE PROGRESS BOARD

Targets for a Prosperous Economy

- ◆ North Carolina per capita income will exceed the US average and will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina will continue to exceed the US average in the growth rate of real gross state product, and will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina will continue to exceed the US average in merchandise export share of gross state product, and will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina average statewide unemployment rate will continue to be lower than the US average, and North Carolina will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina's male, female, white, black, and Hispanic unemployment rates will be equal to the statewide average
- ◆ North Carolina will reach the national level in real average wage per worker, and will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina total civilian payroll employment will continue to outpace the national average, and North Carolina will improve its rankings among the states
- ◆ North Carolina will equal the US average for real manufacturing value added per worker, and will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina's business start/fail ratio will continue to exceed the national average, and North Carolina will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina venture capital disbursements as a share of gross state product will improve relative to the national average, and North Carolina will improve its ranking among the states
- ◆ North Carolina total research and development expenditures as a share of gross state product will improve relative to the national average, and North Carolina will improve its ranking among the states

Targets for a Quality Education for All

- ◆ Seventy percent of eighth graders will score at or above the base proficiency level in both reading and mathematics
- ◆ Ninety percent of North Carolinians - of all races - between the ages of 25 and 35 will have at least two years of education beyond high school
- ◆ Forty-five percent of high school seniors will intend to enroll in a four year college, 40 percent will intend to enroll in a two year college, and 15 percent will intend to go immediately to work or the military
- ◆ The average (math and verbal) North Carolina SAT score will be equal to the national average
- ◆ Four percent of the North Carolina working age population will be enrolled in vocational/technical community college programs
- ◆ North Carolina will reach the national average in bachelor's degree attainment, with no disparity between blacks and whites